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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2008-01 (Emergency Measure for Measles)

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Health Services may define and prescribe emergency measures for detecting, reporting, and controlling communicable or infectious diseases or conditions, the Director has reasonable cause to believe that a serious threat to public health and welfare exists, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 36-136(G); and

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the spread of measles, a highly contagious and potentially lethal disease that represents a serious threat to the public health; and

WHEREAS, the need for emergency measures is established by the following:

- 1. 20 measles cases have been confirmed and 54 suspect measles cases in Pima County demonstrate the need to vaccinate the public in Pima County.
- 2. On May 1, 2008, the Pima County Board of Supervisors declared a Public Health Emergency in Pima County due to the presence and subsequent spread of measles in Pima County.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, I, Susan Gerard, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Director of the Department of Health Services under A. R.S. § 36-136(G), do hereby Order the following emergency measures to be adopted for preventing and controlling measles in Pima County:

- 1. Suspend the requirement in A.A.C. R9-25-501(F) that requires Pima County to contract with a medical director that is qualified under A.A.C. R9-25-204 or A.A.C. R9-25-205 for immunization clinics.
- 2. Suspend the requirement in A.A.C. R9-25-204(A) that prevents a physician from providing administrative medical direction for measles immunization clinics unless the physician meets the requirements in A.A.C. R9-25-204(A)(2).
- 3. Suspend the requirement in A.A.C. R9-25-205(A) that prevents a physician from providing on-line medical direction for measles immunization clinics unless the physician meets the requirements in A.A.C. R9-25-205(A)(2).

- 4. Allow Pima County to contract with or employ a physician with public health knowledge and experience to serve as the administrative medical director or the online medical director as related to measles immunization clinics conducted by Pima County.
- 5. Allow an EMT-Intermediate or EMT-Paramedic to act under the authority of the physician contracted with or employed by Pima County to serve as the administrative medical director or on-line medical director as related to measles immunization clinics conducted by Pima County.
- 6. This Order shall be in effect for six months from the date of signature, unless renewed prior to that date.

I have executed this Order on this \(\frac{2}{2}\) day of May 2008, having the authority to do so under Arizona Law.

Susan Gerard, Director

State of Arizona

County of Maricopa

ON this 12 day of May, 2008, before me personally appeared

Director of the Arizona
Department of Health Services,
whose identity was proved to me
on the basis of satisfactory
evidence to be the person whose
name is subscribed on this
document, and who
acknowledged that he/she signed
the above/attached document.

Notary Public

